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Allocation of Fund to KVKs
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount allocated by the Government to the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether there are any KVKs which are dedicated to organic farming, effective implementation of schemes for organic farming and marketing of agro products; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the status of initiatives taken for organic farming through KVKs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a) The State-wise and year-wise details of the amount allocated to Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) during the last three years and the current years are given in Annexure.

(b) & (c): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established a network of 656 KVKs with a mandate for technology assessment and demonstration for its application and capacity development. As part of their activities the KVKs impart training to the farmers in various agricultural activities including organic farming to update their knowledge and skills. Farmers are being trained for production of organic manures through vermicompost, green manure, bio-pesticides etc. Besides, the Sikkim State was declared officially as an Organic State where four KVKs namely; East Sikkim, West Sikkim, South Sikkim and North Sikkim are dedicated to organic farming. During the year 2015-16, KVKs have conducted 1150 frontline demonstrations on organic farming, 331 On-farm trials related to promotion of organic farming and 1927 training programmes benefitting 67952 farmers, farm women and rural youth.

In addition, KVKs are also involved in creating awareness among farmers to adopt organic farming practices for availing benefits of the Parampragat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) by which Government is promoting Organic farming in the country and provisions are made for financial assistance to farmers.

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